

## Why Recycle?: It's the Law!

German environmental laws and Army Regulation 200-1 (Separate or Recycle Trash Program) require separation and special disposal of recyclable materials, and hazardous waste.

Recycling Protects Public Health and the Environment! Recycling reduces the volume of solid waste that would normally be disposed into a landfill. Using recyclable and recycled products saves energy and reduces air and water pollution. Because space at Germany's landfills is limited, trash disposal costs are very expensive and increase every year. By recycling, we can save 75% compared to the regular trash, that means valuable money (your tax- \$'s)! that can otherwise be used to improve the quality of life in our community.

## What must be Recycled?

- Paper and Cardboard, Metal, Plastic
- Glass (separated by color)
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Bulk Refuse Wood
- Rims and Tires, Electronic Waste
- Styrofoam large amounts
- Used Clothes and Shoes

Common words on Recycling Containers

### ENGLISH

ONLY FOR:

WHITE GLASS  
BROWN GLASS  
GREEN GLASS  
METAL CANS  
METAL  
USED CLOTHES  
PAPER

### GERMAN

NUR FÜR:

WEISSGLAS  
BRAUNGLAS  
GRÜNGLAS  
METALLDOSEN  
METALLABFÄLLE  
KLEIDERSPENDE  
ALTPAPIER

## How to get started recycling at home.

First you pick a method, which is easy for you, then you will be more likely to recycle. For example:

Pre-Sorting at home and Office: You will need a container for each category of recyclables (glass, metal, plastic, paper) and non-recyclables (normal trash).

What kind of container is best for recycling

Paper bags are good, as well as AAFES plastic bags. Cardboard boxes work well because they are sturdy. Milk and beverage crates are good for people with limited space because they are stackable.

## Paper recycling



### Do Recycle

- Newspaper
- White paper/
- Colored paper
- Legal pads
- Junk mail
- Advertisements
- Envelopes
- Computer paper
- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Telephone books
- Gift wrapping paper



A ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees!

### Don't put in paper Recycling

Carbon paper  
Photographic paper  
Napkins (used) Soiled paper towels  
Facial tissue  
Plastic coated paper  
Wax paper  
Milk cartons (plastic)  
Juice carton (plastic)  
Wallpaper  
Dirty paper plates

## Glass recycling

(Take off all metal and plastic tops)

Reduce trash by buying refund bottles!

The energy saved by recycling one glass bottle will keep a light bulb burning for 4 hours!

### Do Recycle

- Soda bottles
- Beer bottles
- Juice bottles
- Glass food jars
- Wine liquor bottles
- Drinking glasses



### Don't Recycle

with Glass  
Mirrors  
Porcelain  
Stoneware/ pottery  
Crystal  
Light bulbs/ tubs  
Auto/ window glass

Separate glass by color: White, Green, and Brown

## Clothing recycling

(Recycling Center)

### Do Recycle

Clothes  
Bedding  
Shoes (in pairs)



Don't put in Clothes Container Trash or other recyclable

Please place items in plastic bags and tie shoes together.

## Metal recycling

The energy saved by recycling just one soda can will operate a TV for 3 Hours

### Do Recycle

- Soda/Juice cans
- Food cans
- Coffee cans
- Pie/Pizza tins
- Aluminum pots, and pans
- Scrap Metal, (small pieces)
- Tops of beverage bottles
- Metal jar lids.

### Don't Recycle in Metal

Vacuum wrappings for coffee, etc.  
Juice boxes  
Metallic wrapping paper  
Frozen food trays  
Drinking water boxes  
Snack chip bags

